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Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
November 16, 2025, A. D.



Saturday, November 15

6:00 PM

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PHILLIP'S FAST BEGINS

†Michalene Barton- Drs. Michael & Alisia Motel

Sunday, November 16

10:30 AM

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†John Kaminsky- Wife, Denise & Children

Wednesday, November 19

9:00 AM

†Danielle Chwiej-Lisa Chokola

Thursday, November 20

9:00 AM

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Friday, November 21

10:30 AM

ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN THE TEMPLE

†Dwayne Oshinski- Lisa Placek

Saturday, November 22

6:00 PM

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Ed Schwartz- Alberola Family

Sunday, November 23

10:30 AM

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Geri Adamchak- Brian & Joanne Kawczenski



Saint Peter & Paul Church (Plymouth)

Divine Liturgy: Saturday 4:00 PM; Sunday 8:30 AM

TWENTY THIRD AFTER SUNDAY PENTECOST
November 16, 2025

***PLEASE REFER TO THE EXTRA SHEET FOR THE ANTIPHONS FOR PHILLIPS'S FAST**

TROPAR: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb, and the guards became dead men. Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and bestowed life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory be to You.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and forever and ever. Amen.

KONDAK: With His life-giving hand, Christ our God, the giver of life, raised all the dead from the murky abyss and bestowed resurrection upon mankind. He is for all, the Savior, the Resurrection and the Life, and God of all.

PROKEIMENON: **Save** Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. **Verse:** Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence. My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart understanding. (no repeat)

A Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (2:4-10):



Brethren, God is rich in mercy; because of the great love with which He loved us. We were dead in our sins, yet He gave us life with Christ. You are saved by grace. He raised us up with Him and seated us in heaven with Christ Jesus to show to the ages to come the superabundant richness of his grace through his kindness for us in Jesus Christ. You are saved by grace through faith and not by anything of yours because it is the gift of God. It is not on account of works so that no one could boast of it. We are all His handiwork created in Christ Jesus for a life of good works for which we were preordained by God.



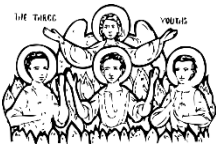
ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven. Alleluia (3). He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God, in whom, I hope. Alleluia (3).

Luke 10:25-37



At that time, behold, a certain lawyer got up to test Jesus, saying, "Master, what must I do to gain eternal life?" But he said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" He answered and said, "You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, and with your whole soul, and with your whole strength, and with your whole mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you shall live." But he, wishing to justify himself said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus answered, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell in with robbers, who after both stripping him and beating him went their way, leaving him half-dead. But, as it happened, a certain priest was going down the same way and when he saw him, he passed by. And likewise, a Levite also, when he was near the place and saw him, passed by. But a certain Samaritan as he journeyed came upon him, and seeing him, was moved with compassion. And he went up to him and bound his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. And setting him on his own beast, he brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I, on my way back, will repay you.' Which of these three, in your opinion, proved himself neighbor to him who fell among the robbers?" And he said, "He who took pity on him!" And Jesus said to him, "Go and do you also in like manner."

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners: **Assisted Living:** Mary Hoolick. **At Home:** Shirley Kozar, Dolores Miller, Rita Kurtz, Diane Petry, Mary Louise Bailey. **Prayer Request:** Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Fr. Peter Waslo; Sister Evhenia Prusnay MSMG; Mary Oresick; Fr. Paul Wolensky, Pavlyk Motychka (baby in Ukraine with SMA); Joyce Kishbaugh, Ken Weber; Marie Slota; Fr. Gregory Maslak, Angel Ocasio, Elizabeth Biasci, Dolores Jennings, Mike Oresick, Mark & Debbie Schwartz, Mary Schwartz, Helen Lipowski, Raquel Camelia, Marie Neimeyer, Leona Kobela, Paulette Parcel, Josh Alberola & all Parishioners who are experiencing health issues.



Prayer For Peace in Ukraine

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us “Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God.” We fervently pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that you inspire men to become peacemakers. May mankind seek reconciliation and peace as is Your Will in this world. May tranquility be restored to all nations and especially Ukraine. God, Our Father, we beseech You to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the dearly departed into Your heavenly kingdom. May the Most Holy Mother of God extend Her Mantle of Protection over Ukraine and the whole world. May each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your peace, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Every Evil Screams Only One Message: I am good. – Alexander Schme



NOVEMBER CANDLES

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by MaryAnn Jarolen
In loving memory of Emil Jarolen.

The **Eternal Light** is given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko
In honor of Saint Michael & the Guardian Angels.

The **Altar Candles** are given by MaryAnn Jarolen
In loving memory of Michael Hvozda.

The Candle **Before the Icon of Jesus Christ** is given by
Bob & Johanna Longenberger in loving memory of
Sister Martin Rodko & Michael Rodko.

The Candle **Before St. Nicholas** is given by Lisa Placek
For God’s Blessing on her son Nikolas

The Candle **before the Icon of the Theotokos** is
given by Lisa Placek for a Special Intention.

CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKET

Transfiguration of Our Lord Church Hall

240 Center Street, Nanticoke, PA



Put a Little More Jingle\$\$ in
Your Pockets!

Saturday, November 29th (9am~2pm)

Saturday, December 6th (9am~2pm)

UKRAINIAN BASKET RAFFLE

EAT IN ETHNIC FOODS WILL BE AVAILABLE
(PYROHY FOR SALE)

CHURCH NEWS



PYROHY SALE: There are potato pyrohy for sale in the church basement. The cost is \$12.00 per dozen. If you would like to purchase pyrohy please contact the church rectory or call Lisa at 570-574-1016.

CANDLES SHEETS: The new 2026 Candle Sheets are in the back of the church.

CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKET & RAFFLE BASKETS: We are still collecting gently used or new Christmas items for the Christmas sale. We are also in need of Baskets for the Raffle Baskets. There are some empty baskets in the church basement that you may use. Also there are some frames that can be used for cash, lottery tickets, gift cards or whatever you may put in them. Items and baskets can be dropped off in the church basement before Nov 22 or after November 22 in the church hall. Please call 570-592-5776 or 570-256-7883. There are baskets and frames in the church basement for use to make raffle baskets.

CEMETERY: As the weather is getting cooler, please make sure that summer items are removed from the cemetery prior to the ground freezing in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity. The water was shut off at the cemetery.

Remembrance Day for the Victims of Holodomor (Stalin imposed Genocide) in Ukraine this year is NOVEMBER 22, 2025.

In 1932–1933, a man-made [famine](#), known as the [Holodomor](#), killed 3.3–6 million people in the [Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic](#) (as part of the [Soviet Union](#)), included in a total of 5.5–8.7 million killed by the broader [Soviet famine of 1930–1933](#). At least 3.3 million ethnic Ukrainians died as a result of the famine in the USSR.

**BOOK(S) OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER:
Achieving Your Potential in Christ: THEOSIS**

Anthony M. Conaris
ISBN: 0-937032-93-X



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? ASK FATHER A QUESTION? What is significance of the Entrance of the Theotokos?

The significance of this predates Mary's birth. Joachim and Anna in old age still had not conceived a child, even though they were dedicated to God completely and lived a virtuous life. They promised God that if He were to bless them with a child, they would dedicate that child completely to His service. When Mary was about three, her parents brought her to the temple so that she could be dedicated in service to God by working in the temple, giving herself completely in service to God. Complete service to God. When Mary turned thirteen, the age for marriage, the temple priests released her so that she may marry with the other girls from the temple. Mary reminded the priests that she had dedicated her life completely to the service of God and not to marry. This is a revolution in the world. Never in all of Judaism did anyone dedicate their life completely to God, living a celibate life. It was only some time later that Mary was promised in marriage to Joseph. Mary's dedication to live a celibate life in total service to God is the beginning of the Monastic Life. The male celibates, we call monks, and the female celibates, we call nuns. The Entrance of the Theotokos is celebrated on November 21, reminds us of Mary's total dedication to God and is a feast in anticipation to the Incarnation of Christ, God becoming man on the Feast of the Nativity of Christ in a little more than a month.

THANKSGIVING DAY



There are only two contemporary accounts of the 1621 Thanksgiving: First is Edward Winslow's account, which he wrote in a letter dated December 12, 1621. The complete letter was first published in 1622: "Our corn [i.e. wheat] did prove well, and God be praised, we had a good increase of Indian corn, and our barley indifferent good, but our peas not worth the gathering, for we feared they were too late sown. They came up very well, and blossomed, but the sun parched them in the blossom. Our harvest

being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as, with a little help besides, served the company almost a week. At which time, amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our governor, and upon the captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want that we often wish you partakers of our plenty."

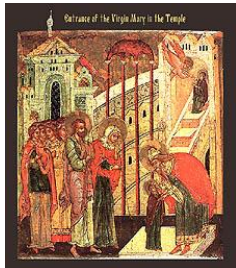
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An interesting website on the pilgrims with original documents.

Saint Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica

Sermon on the Entry of the Mother of God into the Temple

November 21



If a tree is known by its fruit, and a good tree bears good fruit (*Mt. 7:17; Lk. 6:44*), then is not the Mother of Goodness Itself, she who bore the Eternal Beauty, incomparably more excellent than every good, whether in this world or the world above? Therefore, the coeternal and identical Image of goodness, Pre-eternal, transcending all being, He Who is the preexisting and good Word of the Father, moved by His unutterable love for mankind and compassion for us,

put on our image, that He might reclaim for Himself our nature which had been dragged down to uttermost Hades, so as to renew this corrupted nature and raise it to the heights of Heaven. For this purpose, He had to assume a flesh that was both new and ours, that He might refashion us from out of ourselves. Now He finds a handmaiden perfectly suited to these needs, the supplier of her own unsullied nature, the Ever-Virgin now hymned by us, and Whose miraculous Entrance into the Temple, into the Holy of Holies, we now celebrate. God predestined her before the ages for the salvation and reclaiming of our kind. She was chosen, not just from the crowd, but from the ranks of the chosen of all ages, renowned for piety and understanding, and for their God-pleasing words and deeds.

In the beginning, there was one who rose up against us: the author of evil, the serpent, who dragged us into the abyss. Many reasons impelled him to rise up against us, and there are many ways by which he enslaved our nature: envy, rivalry, hatred, injustice, treachery, slyness, etc. In addition to all this, he also has within him the power of bringing death, which he himself engendered, being the first to fall away from true life.

The author of evil was jealous of Adam, when he saw him being led from earth to Heaven, from which he was justly cast down. Filled with envy, he pounced upon Adam with a terrible ferocity and even wished to clothe him with the garb of death. Envy is not only the begetter of hatred, but also of murder, which this truly man-hating serpent brought about in us. For he wanted to be master over the earth-born for the ruin of that which was created in the image and likeness of God. Since he was not bold enough to make a face to face attack, he resorted to cunning and deceit. This truly terrible and malicious plotter pretended to be a friend and useful adviser by assuming the physical form of a serpent and stealthily took their position. By his God-opposing advice, he instills in man his own death-bearing power, like a venomous poison. If Adam had been sufficiently strong to keep the divine commandment, then he would have shown himself the vanquisher of his enemy and withstood his deathly attack. But since he voluntarily

gave in to sin, he was defeated and was made a sinner. Since he is the root of our race, he has produced us as death-bearing shoots. So, it was necessary for us, if he were to fight back against his defeat and to claim victory, to rid himself of the death-bearing venomous poison in his soul and body, and to absorb life, eternal and indestructible life.

It was necessary for us to have a new root for our race, a new Adam, not just one Who would be sinless and invincible, but one Who also would be able to forgive sins and set free from punishment those subject to it. And not only would He have life in Himself, but also the capacity to restore to life, so that He could grant to those who cleave to Him and are related to Him by race both life and the forgiveness of their sins, restoring to life not only those who came after Him, but also those who already had died before Him. Therefore, St. Paul, that great trumpet of the Holy Spirit, exclaims, “the first man Adam was made a living soul, the last Adam was made a quickening spirit” (*1 Cor. 15:45*).

Except for God, there is no one who is without sin, or life-creating, or able to remit sin. Therefore, the new Adam must be not only Man, but also God. He is at the same time life, wisdom, truth, love, and mercy, and every other good thing, so that He might renew the old Adam and restore him to life through mercy, wisdom and righteousness. These are the opposites of the things which the author of evil used to bring about our aging and death.

As the slayer of mankind raised himself against us with envy and hatred, so the Source of life was lifted up [on the Cross] because of His immeasurable goodness and love for mankind. He intensely desired the salvation of His creature, i.e., that His creature would be restored by Himself. In contrast to this, the author of evil wanted to bring God’s creature to ruin, and thereby put mankind under his own power, and tyrannically to afflict us. And just as he achieved the conquest and the fall of mankind by means of injustice and cunning, by deceit and his trickery, so has the Liberator brought about the defeat of the author of evil, and the restoration of His own creature with truth, justice and wisdom.

It was a deed of perfect justice that our nature, which was voluntarily enslaved and struck down, should again enter the struggle for victory and cast off its voluntary enslavement. Therefore, God deigned to receive our nature from us, hypostatically uniting with it in a marvelous way. But it was impossible to unite that Most High Nature, whose purity is incomprehensible for the reason of men, to a sinful nature before it had been purified. Therefore, for the conception and birth of the Bestower of purity, a perfectly spotless and Most Pure Virgin was required.

Today we celebrate the memory of those things that contributed, if only once, to the Incarnation. He Who is God by nature, the Counoriginate and Coeternal Word and Son of the Transcendent Father, becomes the Son of Man, the Son of the Ever-Virgin. “Jesus

Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever” (*Heb. 13:8*), immutable in His divinity and blameless as a man, He alone, as the Prophet Isaiah prophesied, “practiced no iniquity, nor deceit with His lips” (*Is. 53: 9*). He alone was not brought forth in iniquity, nor was He conceived in sin, in contrast to what the Prophet David says concerning himself and every other man (*Ps. 50/51: 5*). Even in what He assumes, He is perfectly pure and has no need to be cleansed Himself. But for our sake, He accepted purification, suffering, death and resurrection, that He might transmit them to us. God is born of the spotless and Holy Virgin, or better to say, of the *Most Pure* and *All-Holy* Virgin. She is above every fleshly defilement, and even above every impure thought. Her conceiving resulted not from fleshly lust, but by the overshadowing of the Most Holy Spirit. Such desire being utterly alien to Her, it is through prayer and spiritual readiness that She declared to the angel: “Behold the handmaiden of the Lord; be it done unto Me according to thy word” (*Lk. 1:38*), and that She conceived and gave birth. So, in order to render the Virgin worthy of this sublime purpose, God marked this ever-virgin Daughter now praised by us, from before the ages, and from eternity, choosing Her from out of His elect. Turn your attention then, to where this choice began. From the sons of Adam God chose the wondrous Seth, who showed himself a living heaven through his becoming behavior, and through the beauty of his virtues. That is why he was chosen, and from whom the Virgin would blossom as the divinely fitting chariot of God. She was needed to give birth and to summon the earth-born to heavenly sonship. For this reason, also all the lineage of Seth were called ““sons of God,”” because from this lineage a son of man would be born the Son of God. The name Seth signifies a rising or resurrection, or more specifically, it signifies the Lord, Who promises and gives immortal life to all who believe in Him.

And how precisely exact is this parallel! Seth was born of Eve, as she herself said, in place of Abel, whom Cain killed through jealousy (*Gen. 4:25*); and Christ, the Son of the Virgin, was born for us in place of Adam, whom the author of evil also killed through jealousy. But Seth did not resurrect Abel, since he was only a foretype of the resurrection. But our Lord Jesus Christ resurrected Adam, since He is the very Life and the Resurrection of the earth-born, for whose sake the descendants of Seth are granted divine adoption through hope, and are called the children of God. It was because of this hope that they were called sons of God, as is evident from the one who was first called so, the successor in the choice. This was Enos, the son of Seth, who as Moses wrote, first hoped to call on the Name of the Lord (*Gen. 4:26*).

In this manner, the choice of the future Theotokos, beginning with the very sons of Adam and proceeding through all the generations of time, through the Providence of God, passes to the Prophet-king David and the successors of his kingdom and lineage. When

the chosen time had come, then from the house and posterity of David, Joachim and Anna are chosen by God. Though they were childless, they were by their virtuous life and good disposition the finest of all those descended from the line of David. And when in prayer they besought God to deliver them from their childlessness and promised to dedicate their child to God from its infancy. By God Himself, the Theotokos was proclaimed and given to them as a child, so that from such virtuous parents the all-virtuous child would be raised. So in this manner, chastity joined with prayer came to fruition by producing the Mother of virginity, giving birth in the flesh to Him Who was born of God the Father before the ages. Now, when Righteous Joachim and Anna saw that they had been granted their wish, and that the divine promise to them was realized in fact, then they on their part, as true lovers of God, hastened to fulfill their vow given to God as soon as the child had been weaned from milk. They have now led this truly sanctified child of God, now the Theotokos, this Virgin into the Temple of God. And She, being filled with Divine gifts even at such a tender age, ... She, rather than others, determined what was being done over Her. In Her manner She showed that She was not so much presented into the Temple, but that She Herself entered into the service of God of her own accord, as if she had wings, striving towards this sacred and divine love. She considered it desirable and fitting that she should enter into the Temple and dwell in the Holy of Holies. Therefore, the High Priest, seeing that this child, more than anyone else, had divine grace within Her, wished to set Her within the Holy of Holies. He convinced everyone present to welcome this, since God had advanced it and approved it. Through His angel, God assisted the Virgin and sent Her mystical food, with which She was strengthened in nature, while in body she was brought to maturity and was made purer and more exalted than the angels, having the Heavenly spirits as servants. She was led into the Holy of Holies not just once but was accepted by God to dwell there with Him during her youth, so that through her, the Heavenly Abodes might be opened and given for an eternal habitation to those who believe in her miraculous birthgiving.

So it is, and this is why she, from the beginning of time, was chosen from among the chosen. She Who is manifest as the Holy of Holies, Who has a body even purer than the spirits purified by virtue, is capable of receiving ... the Hypostatic Word of the Unoriginate Father. Today the Ever-Virgin Mary, like a Treasure of God, is stored in the Holy of Holies, so that in due time, (as it later came to pass) she would serve for the enrichment of, and an ornament for, all the world. Therefore, Christ God also glorifies His Mother, both before birth, and also after birth.

We who understand the salvation begun for our sake through the Most Holy Virgin, give her thanks and praise according to our ability. And truly, if the grateful woman (of

whom the Gospel tells us), after hearing the saving words of the Lord, blessed and thanked His Mother, raising her voice above the din of the crowd and saying to Christ, ““Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the paps Thou hast sucked”” (*Lk. 11:27*), then we who have the words of eternal life written out for us, and not only the words, but also the miracles and the Passion, and the raising of our nature from death, and its ascent from earth to Heaven, and the promise of immortal life and unfailing salvation, then how shall we not unceasingly hymn and bless the Theotokos of the Author of our Salvation and the Giver of Life, celebrating Her conception and birth, and now her Entry into the Holy of Holies? Now, brethren, let us remove ourselves from earthly to celestial things. Let us change our path from the flesh to the spirit. Let us change our desire from temporal things to those that endure. Let us scorn fleshly delights, which serve as allurements for the soul and soon pass away. Let us desire spiritual gifts, which remain undiminished. Let us turn our reason and our attention from earthly concerns and raise them to the inaccessible places of Heaven, to the Holy of Holies, where the Theotokos now resides. Therefore, in such manner our songs and prayers to her will gain entry, and thus through her mediation, we shall be heirs of the everlasting blessings to come, through the grace and love for mankind of Him Who was born of Her for our sake, our Lord Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory, honor and worship, together with His Unoriginate Father and His Coeternal and Life-Creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.